**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): It is not exactly clear in what way the member desires to utilise his services.

**MR. N. KUMARAN** (*Nominated*): This is not the time for the member to express his opinion.

**MR. K. GEORGE** (*Financial Secretary to Government*): If an opportunity offers, that person's services would be utilised.

*Levy of fine for late payment of Fees in Schools.*

66. **MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (*a*) Has the Director of Public Instruction issued instructions, with the approval of Government, fixing the dates for the payment of fees and the penalties for unpunctuality in departmental schools, under Rule 116 of the Education Code?

(*b*) If so, what are they?

(*c*) Is the 10th of each month not the last day fixed for payment of fees without fine?

(*d*) Is there any rule as to the levy of fine in cases in which the last day fixed for such payment happens to be a holiday?

(*e*) Did all the Headmasters of departmental schools or any of them realise fines with the fees collected on the 3rd Makaram 1099, the day of the re-opening of the schools after the Christmas holidays which began on the 6th Dhanu, and, if so, will the Government be pleased to state the names of the schools and of the Headmasters thereof who did so?

(*f*) What is the amount realised as fines in each of such schools?

(*g*) Are the Headmasters who levied the fine or those who did not levy the fine in the wrong?

(*h*) Do the Government propose to take action against those who are in the wrong, if any?

(*i*) Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council about the result of such action?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) (1) In Vernacular Schools, the date fixed for the payment of fees for the months from Edavam to Vrischikam and Makaram and Kumbham is the 15th of each month. For Dhanu the date fixed is the 1st of Makaram and for Meenam and Medam the 10th of Meenam. In English Schools, fees have to be paid by pupils of Form VI in nine equal instalments on the 10th of each of the months from Edavam to Makaram. By pupils of other Forms of English Schools, fees have to be paid in 8 equal instalments on the 10th of each of the months from Edavam to Dhanu.

(2) If a school is not open on the date on which payment is due, the fee is to be paid on the first school day following that date.

(3) If any pupil fails to pay a fee which is due on a given date, he shall be liable to pay a fine of 1 chackram in Vernacular Schools and 4 chackrams in English Schools. If he fails to pay the fee and fine on or before the 10th day after the fee is due, he shall not be permitted to

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attend school and shall only be permitted to renew his attendance on payment of the fee due, the fine for which he is liable as above and a further fine of 4 chackrams in Vernacular Schools and 8 chackrams in English Schools.

(4) Pupils of Class VII and Form VI who have not paid all fees and fines due for the school-year before the last school-day of the school-year are to be refused School Leaving Certificates which may be issued in their favour, until they pay all fees and fines due under (3) above.

(*d*) The member is referred to the answers to parts (2) and (3).

(*e*) and (*f*) Headmasters of the following schools levied such fines. The Government do not consider it necessary to name the Headmasters.

| | Name of the School. | Amount realised as fine. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Rs. | ch. | c. |
| 1. | English High School, Kottarakara ... | 39 | 12 | 0 |
| 2. | Do. Shenkottah ... | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. | Do. Attingal ... | 47 | 20 | 0 |
| 4. | English Middle School, Haripad ... | 17 | 8 | 0 |
| 5. | Vernacular Do. Tiruvalla ... | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| 6. | Do. Mavelikara ... | 0 | 24 | 0 |
| 7. | Do. Palai ... | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 8. | Do. Edakoli ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 9. | Do. Pampadi ... | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 10. | Do. Kiliroor ... | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 11. | Do. Vaikam ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 12. | Do. Kozhencherry ... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 13 | Do. Pullad ... | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| 14. | Do. Pandalam ... | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 15. | Do. Kartikapalli ... | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| 16. | Do. Kavalam ... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 17. | Do. Thazhava Aditya-vilasam ... | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| 18. | Do. Shenkottah .. | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 19. | Do. Kilimanur ... | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 20. | Do. Tiruvattar ... | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 21. | Do. Munchira ... | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| 22. | Do. Aramboly ... | 0 | 6 | 0 |

(*g*) The Headmasters who levied the fines are in the wrong.

(*h*) and (*i*) Government are considering the question.

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**MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know when such instructions were issued by the Director of Public Instruction ?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : With reference to what part of the answer ?

**MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Part (*a*).

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : They are on different dates. In the order dated 18th April 1918, Government sanctioned the fees payable by pupils of the Preparatory Class and Forms I to V in English Schools being realised, in eight equal instalments, on the 10th of each of the months from Edavam to Dhanu with effect from the beginning of the next school-year. In the order dated 7th December 1917, Government sanctioned the fees payable by pupils of Form VI being realised in nine equal instalments of Rs. 4 each on the 10th of each of the months from Edavam to Makaram, instead of in eleven instalments as was the prevailing practice till then. The instructions issued by the Director were based on the above Government orders.

**MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : From the answers to parts (*h*) and (*i*) of my question, am I to take it to mean that whether the Government should or should not inform the Council is also a matter for consideration.

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : The action to be taken against those who are in the wrong is now before Government and that is under consideration.

**MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Then, I find no answer to part (i) of my question.

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : The result is yet to be known.

**MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Am I to take it that the Government will inform the Council about the result of such action ?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : If the member makes a request that the result should be laid before Government, Government have no objection to do so.

**MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : I have just asked for it.

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Secretary to Government*) : At present the matter is under consideration and therefore the result of the action cannot now be known. Hence, it cannot now be laid before the Council. That is why it is answered that Government are considering the question.

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MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government place the result before the Council after it is known?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government will consider that.

*Paddy from Kandukrishi Lands.*

67. MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of paddy realised from Kandukrishi lands yearly;

(*b*) the amount sold annually from the Nelpuras;

(*c*) the value realised therefrom yearly (average for the past five years);

(*d*) the annual loss on account of deterioration, shortage, etc.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 3,06,718 *paras* (average for five years ending with 1099).

(*b*) 51,457 *paras* (average for five years ending with 1099).

(*c*) Rs. 39,492 (average for five years ending with 1099).

(*d*) There has been no loss on this account.

MR. K. K. THOMAS (*Kottayam*): With reference to (*d*), may I know the month in which the paddy has been sold?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It is sold in the several months and not in one month particularly.

*Expenditure on Irrigation in the Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha Taluks.*

68. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total expenditure for the State as a whole on irrigation works during the last ten years and that for the Muvattupuzha and Todupuzha taluks?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A sum of Rs. 22,42,656 was spent during the last ten years under Major and Minor Irrigation works in the State. No expenditure was incurred in the Muvattupuzha or the Todupuzha taluk, there being no irrigation tanks or channels in these two taluks.

*Repair of Minor Irrigation Works in North Travancore.*

69. MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to have the silted up tanks and *chiras* in the Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and other taluks in North Travancore inspected and deepened?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Provision has been made for the staff required to investigate and ascertain the condition of the tanks and *chiras* in the Preliminary Budget for 1101 and the work is proposed to be taken up next year.

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